

February 13, 1976

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For: The Commissioners

Thru: Lee V. Gossick, Executive Director for Operations *LVG*

From: Joseph D. Lafleur, Jr., Acting Director, Office of International and State Programs

Subject: TARAPUR REACTOR ALLEGATIONS

Purpose: Approval of an answer to a message from Chairman Sethna, AEC of India and a letter to Minister Venkateswaran

Discussion: A February 3 letter (Enclosure 1) from A. P. Venkateswaran, Minister of the Indian Embassy, relayed a message to Chairman Anders from H. N. Sethna, Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission of India, asking that we telegraph our "position" on this matter, and offering to cooperate in an analysis of the Tarapur station, which he understands NRC is undertaking. The proposed answer (Enclosure 2), to be sent by telegram through the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, thanks Dr. Sethna for his offer to cooperate, as well as for the information we already are receiving through New Delhi and the Consulate General in Bombay. It also says we will be forwarding additional questions through New Delhi and Bombay, and that we will send the NRC "position" in a few days.

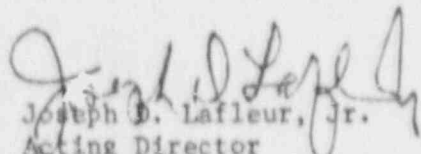
Enclosure 3 is a letter to Minister Venkateswaran, enclosing a copy of the message to Sethna and promising to keep Venkateswaran informed.

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Coordination: ELD has no legal objection to this paper.


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Enclosures:

1. Ltr Venkateswaran to Anders dtd 2/3/76
2. Proposed State Department telegram answer
to AmEmb New Delhi
3. Draft note to Minister Venkateswaran

Commissioner comments should be provided directly to the Office of the Secretary
by close of business Friday, February 13, 1976.

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A.P. Venkateswaran
Minister,



भारतीय राजदूतवास
EMBASSY OF INDIA
WASHINGTON

No: 278 / MIN / 76.

February 3, 1976.

Dear Mr. Anders,

I forward herewith a message addressed to you by Dr. H.N. Sethna, Chairman, Atomic Energy Commission of India, as desired by him.

Begins: Have just seen newspaper reports of hearings in the U.S. Senate Committee in regard to Tarapur. As we have not received detailed text of what was said and discussed we find that the reports are highly coloured and inaccurate. Shall be grateful if you could telex me the position. Understand that you have undertaken an analysis of Tarapur station and we would be happy to cooperate with you in this matter.

Regards,

H.N. Sethna Ends

I would be grateful to be kept informed of your response in the matter.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

A.P. Venkateswaran
(A.P. Venkateswaran)

Mr. William A. Anders,
Chairman,
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission,
Washington D.C.

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State Department Telegram

USNRC:JDLafleur, Jr.
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OES/NET/IM:

Priority

New Delhi

Inform Consul General, Consultate Madras

E.O. 11652: M/A

Tags: TECH, IN

Subject: TARAPUR REACTOR

Ref: Letter Venkateswaran to Anders dtd 2/3/76

1. Please convey to H. N. Sethna, Chairman of the Indian Atomic Energy Commission, the following message from William A. Anders, Chairman, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, with an information copy to J. Shah, Chairman, Indian Atomic Power Authority.

2. Dear Chairman Sethna:

Thank you for your telegram, which I received in a February 3 note from Mr. A. P. Venkateswaran, Minister, Embassy of India, Washington. I am most grateful for your offer to cooperate and for the information on occupational exposures sent recently to Dr. J. D. Lafleur, Jr., by Dr. J. Shah, and the discussions you both are having with Consul General Courtney in Bombay. We will be forwarding additional questions through this channel,

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and will advise you of the position we reach within a few days.

Sincerely,

W. A. Anders

3. Technical questions being forwarded in separate telegram.

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Mr. A. P. Venkateswaran
Minister
Embassy of India
2107 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Venkateswaran:

Thank you for transmitting the message from Chairman Sethna, on February 3. We have also been receiving information almost daily from him and Chairman Shah of the Indian Atomic Power Authority, through the U.S. diplomatic missions in Bombay and New Delhi.

I am enclosing a copy of a message we are sending today to Dr. Sethna, through our diplomatic telegraph system. Dr. J. D. Lafleur, Jr., Acting Director of the NRC Office of International and State Programs, will keep you informed of our progress in this matter. He can be reached in Bethesda on telephone 492-7788.

Sincerely,

William A. Anders

Enclosure:
Copy of telegram to Sethna

ENCLOSURE 3

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